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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING CONTAINER FILLING IN AN ASEPTIC PROCESSING APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

22. (Amended) A method comprising:

controlling the flow of an aseptic product using a valve;

surrounding a region where the aseptic product exits the valve with a sterile region wherein the sterile region is a sterile tunnel; and

controlling the opening or closing of the valve with a

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